

HOUSE BILL 1794

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to teacher tenure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-503, is amended by deleting section (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Has been rated in one (1) of the three (3) highest categories based on evaluations as provided in the evaluation guidelines adopted by the state board of education pursuant to § 49-1-302, during the last two (2) years of the probationary period; provided, however, that a teacher who has met all other requirements for tenure eligibility but has not acquired an official evaluation score during the last one (1) or two (2) years of the probationary period due to an approved extended leave; transfer to another school or position within the school district; or invalidated data due to a successful local level evaluation grievance pursuant to § 49-1-302(d)(2)(A) may utilize the most recent two (2) years of available evaluation scores achieved during the probationary period to meet the provisions of this subdivision (4);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504(a)(2), is amended by deleting section (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Has been rated in one (1) of the top three (3) highest categories based on evaluations as provided in the evaluation guidelines adopted by the state board of education pursuant to § 49-1-302, during the last two (2) years of the probationary period; provided, however, that a teacher who has met all other requirements for tenure eligibility but has not acquired an official evaluation score during the last one (1) or two (2) years of the probationary period due to an approved extended leave; transfer to

another school or position within the school district; or invalidated data due to a successful local level evaluation grievance pursuant to § 49-1-302(d)(2)(A) may utilize the most recent two (2) years of available evaluation scores achieved during the probationary period to meet the provisions of this subdivision (a)(2).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504(e), is amended by deleting the language "'above expectations' or 'significantly above expectations'" in the first and second sentences of the subsection and substituting instead the language "at expectations or better".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.